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2. FOLLOWING ARE UNCLEARED DRAFT/DRAFT LETTERS FROM A/S MOOSE TO HABYARIMANA, KANYARENGWE, AND TWAGIRAMUNGU FOR YOUR REVIEW. AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE RESERVED A SPACE TO ADD LAST MINUTE INFO/POINTS, DEPENDING ON THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY OOB WASHINGTON TIME WEDNESDAY IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTED CHANGES OR OTHER COMMENTS.

A. BEGIN TEXT OF HABYARIMANA LETTER CONFIDENTIAL

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THE SIGNING OF THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORDS LAST AUGUST WAS AN HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT IN REGIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION. IT TOOK GREAT COURAGE FOR YOU AND YOUR FELLOW RWANDANS TO PUT ASIDE YOUR DIFFERENCES AND CHOOSE PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION OVER CONTINUED CONFLICT. RWANDANS MUST NOW SHOW THE SAME COURAGE AND DETERMINATION IN IMPLEMENTING THE ACCORDS.

THE CONTINUING IMPASSE OVER THE INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITION INSTITUTIONS CONCERNS US GREATLY. FULL AND EXPEDITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS IS THE ONLY SOLUTION. ALL SIDES MUST SHOW FLEXIBILITY AND A WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE, AND EACH POLITICAL PARTY MUST BE FREE TO CHOOSE ITS OWN DEPUTIES AND MINISTERS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACCORDS. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT ALL PARTIES MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE IMPASSE AND INSTALL THE TRANSITION INSTITUTIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE WERE DEEPLY DISTURBED BY LAST MONTH'S ASSASSINATION OF MINISTER GATABAZI AND THE VIOLENT EPISODES THAT HAVE MARKED THE RECENT PERIOD OF POLITICAL DEADLOCK. THE LONGER THE IMPASSE DRAGS ON, THE GREATER THE RISK OF FURTHER VIOLENCE, OR EVEN RENEWED FIGHTING. RWANDA AND ITS PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD A RETURN TO WAR. WE URGE ALL SIDES TO FORSWEAR VIOLENCE AND COMMIT THEMSELVES FULLY TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS.

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AS YOUR COUNTRY'S LEADER, MR. PRESIDENT, YOU BEAR A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THE ARUSHA ACCORDS ARE SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED. I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL ACT IN YOUR COUNTRY'S BEST INTERESTS AND DO YOUR UTMOST TO OVERCOME THE CURRENT IMPASSE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WITH YOUR ROLE AS PRESIDENT ASSURED DURING THE TRANSITION, I KNOW YOU WILL USE YOUR LEADERSHIP TO HELP GUIDE RWANDA THROUGH THE DIFFICULT PERIOD AHEAD, TOWARD THE GOAL OF LASTING PEACE AND DEMOCRACY.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS INVESTED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME, EFFORT, AND RESOURCES IN HELPING RWANDA TO MOVE FROM WAR TO PEACE. AS YOU KNOW, THE CURRENT MANDATE FOR UNAMIR EXPIRES ON APRIL 5, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL WANT TO SEE CONCRETE PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS WELL BEFORE THAT TIME IF RWANDA IS TO BE ASSURED OF CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. WITH OUR CONFIDENT HOPES THAT RWANDANS WILL MOVE FORWARD ON IMPLEMENTING THE ACCORDS, YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCES THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO

SUPPORT YOUR COUNTRY EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE E. MOOSE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

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B. BEGIN TEXT OF KANYARENGWE LETTER

## DEAR COLONEL KANYARENGWE:

THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT RECEIVED WELL-EARNED PRAISE LAST AUGUST FOR SIGNING THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORDS, AFTER LENGTHY AND SOMETIMES DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS. IT TOOK GREAT COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP TO COMPLETE THESE AGREEMENTS. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT ALL SIDES LIVE UP TO THESE OBLIGATIONS SO THE RWANDAN PEOPLE CAN ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF REAL PEACE.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS GREATLY CONCERNED BY THE LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD FORMING THE TRANSITION INSTITUTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ARUSHA ACCORDS. FULL AND EXPEDITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE AGREEMENTS IS THE ONLY ANSWER. ALL SIDES MUST SHOW FLEXIBILITY AND A WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE, AND EACH POLITICAL PARTY MUST BE FREE TO CHOOSE ITS OWN DEPUTIES AND MINISTERS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACCORDS. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT ALL PARTIES MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE IMPASSE AND INSTALL THE TRANSITION INSTITUTIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE WERE DEEPLY DISTURBED BY LAST MONTH'S ASSASSINATION OF MINISTER GATABAZI, THE SUBSEQUENT AMBUSH ON YOUR CONVOY, AND THE VIOLENCE THAT FOLLOWED. THE LONGER THE IMPASSE DRAGS ON, THE GREATER THE RISK OF FURTHER VIOLENCE, OR EVEN RENEWED FIGHTING. A RETURN TO WAR WOULD DEAL A DEVASTATING BLOW TO RWANDA AND MUST BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS. WE URGE ALL SIDES TO FORSWEAR VIOLENCE AND COMMIT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PEACE ACCORDS RESERVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR THE RPF IN THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. YOUR MOVEMENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A REAL VOICE IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND TO HELP BRING LASTING PEACE AND FULL DEMOCRACY TO RWANDA. I URGE YOU TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT SO THAT YOU CAN BEGIN THIS NEXT PHASE OF THE PEACE PROCESS.

THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE PUT FORTH A SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT TO ASSIST RWANDA TO REACH THE BRINK OF REAL PEACE. IT IS UP TO THE RWANDANS THEMSELVES TO ACHIEVE THAT PEACE.

WITH UNAMIR'S MANDATE COMING UP FOR RENEWAL ON APRIL 5, REAL PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING THE ARUSHA ACCORDS MUST BE MADE NOW IF CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR RWANDA IS TO BE ASSURED. AS LONG AS RWANDANS MOVE FORWARD ON IMPLEMENTING THE PEACE ACCORDS, YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCES THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR COUNTRY EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

SINCERELY.

GEORGE E. MOOSE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
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C. BEGIN TEXT OF TWAGIRAMUNGU LETTER

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE:

THE UNITED STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY AND LENT SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT TO RWANDA'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE LASTING PEACE. LAST AUGUST, WE WERE GREATLY HEARTENED BY THE SIGNING OF THE ARUSHA PEACE

ACCORDS, WHICH PROVIDE A BLUEPRINT FOR RWANDA'S TRANSITION TO LASTING PEACE AND DEMOCRACY.

REGRETTABLY, WE HAVE SEEN INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE ACCORDS. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED OVER THE CONTINUING IMPASSE OVER INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITION INSTITUTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORDS. THE ARUSHA AGREEMENTS OFFER THE BEST HOPE FOR RWANDA AND SHOULD BE FULLY AND RAPIDLY IMPLEMENTED. THEY ARE THE ONLY VIABLE SOLUTION TO RWANDA'S PROBLEMS.

TO SURMOUNT THE IMPASSE, ALL SIDES MUST SHOW FLEXIBILITY AND A WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE. EACH POLITICAL PARTY MUST BE FREE TO CHOOSE ITS OWN DEPUTIES AND MINISTERS, AND EACH PARTY LEADER MUST BE WILLING TO MAKE ACCOMMODATIONS WITH COMPETING ELEMENTS WITHIN HIS OR HER OWN PARTY. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT ALL PARTIES MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE IMPASSE AND INSTALL THE TRANSITION INSTITUTIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF MINISTER GATABAZI AND THE VIOLENCE THAT FOLLOWED ARE DEEPLY DISTURBING. THE LONGER THE IMPASSE DRAGS ON, THE GREATER THE RISK OF FURTHER VIOLENCE, OR EVEN RENEWED CONFLICT. WE URGE ALL SIDES TO FORSWEAR VIOLENCE AND COMMIT THEMSELVES FULLY TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS.

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AS THE PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT, YOU WILL FACE MANY CHALLENGES AHEAD. I URGE YOU TO USE YOUR UNIQUE POSITION TO FOSTER CONTINUED DIALOGUE AMONG ALL POLITICAL FORCES IN THE COUNTRY, WITH A VIEW TOWARD ACHIEVING TRUE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. BUT FIRST, YOU MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES ON INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT SO THAT YOU CAN BEGIN THIS NEXT PHASE OF THE PEACE PROCESS.

WITH UNAMIR'S MANDATE UP FOR REVIEW IN EARLY APRIL, REAL PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING THE PEACE ACCORDS MUST BE MADE NOW IF RWANDANS ARE TO BE ASSURED OF CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. AS LONG AS RWANDANS REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO THE PEACE PROCESS AND MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO

IMPLEMENT THE ACCORDS, YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCES THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR COUNTRY EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

SINCERELY,

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